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Welcome Back!!!

Happy New Year!
We have missed everyone over the holidays. It is good to be back to school again and work on some great activities for January.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a gift to one of our classrooms. We truly appreciate all of our families taking the time to pick out materials for the school and for being so thoughtful and purchasing those items. The teachers are extremely grateful and cannot wait until their items are delivered.

We are so happy to see Hunter Brown, our youngest, is now so integrated and adapting to our routine and he is also participating in our circle time. He can use some sign language and started using some words like "milk" when he is hungry.

Room 102: Happy New Year! This month we will be exploring our Earth through music, art and books. Sign Language will be focused on animal signs. We will listen to Edward "Duke" Ellington during nap and reading books by Marc Brown. While exploring our Earth, we will take a close look at Antarctica and the animals that live on this continent. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and legacy will also be observed.

Please bring in one empty egg carton for a special art project. Thanks!

From the classroom:

Room 101: Happy New Year to all! We're so excited to begin the new year full of activities and new lessons. We will miss Halvor Olsen and Laila Walsh since they are moving up to 102. This month we'll be working on our world and its beautiful places. We will also read Mark Brown's books, listen to Edward Duke's music and practice acceptance. As well as celebrating Chinese New Year.

Room 103: We all had a wonderful break and we are so happy to see everyone back. This month we will be celebrating the multicultural holiday of Chinese New Year. We will be making our dragon and making fried rice. We will also study the coldest continent Antarctica.

Classroom News

103 Continue:

We would like to acknowledge:

Davis for working so hard and is now on readers.

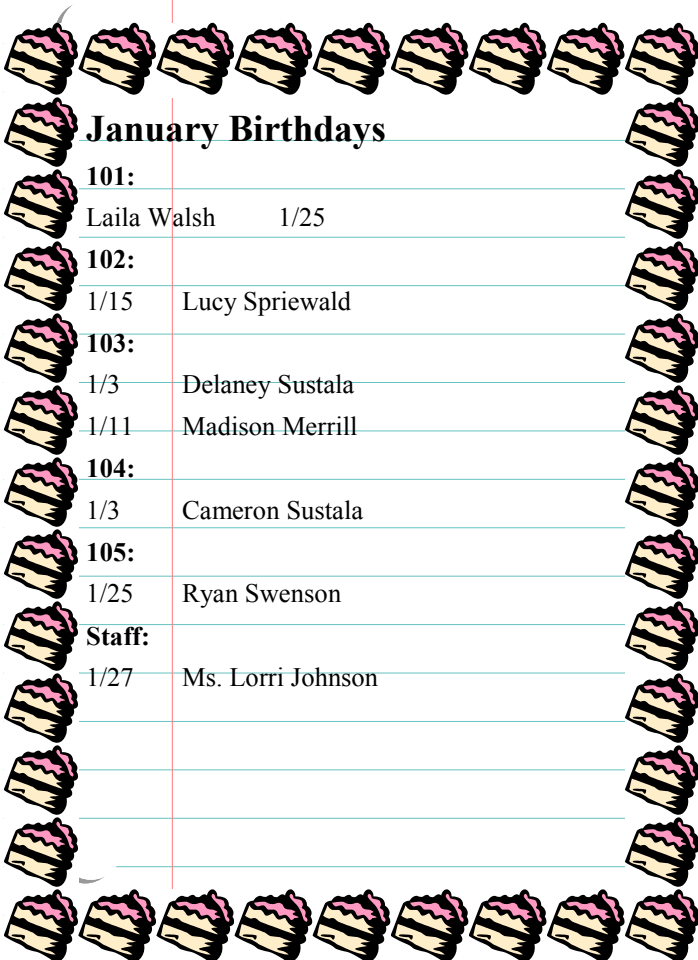
Samantha for mastering teens and moving on to higher math skills.

Jaida for working so hard on her movable alphabets.

Cayden for learning his sounds and Grayson Howard for mastering her 2nd set of movable alphabets

Room 104: We will continue on in our geography studies, and head south to Antarctica! We will study the different animals that live there including the many kinds of penguins. We will also begin our study of the season of winter.

Room 105: We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Semester with lots of hard work, new lessons and exciting field trips. In January we will study The Phases of the Moon, B.C./A.D. Time Line, Reptiles and Types of Leaves. We are looking forward to our visit from Houston Museum of Natural Science, Wildlife on Wheels presentation of Invertebrates.



January Birthdays

101:

Laila Walsh 1/25

102:

1/15 Lucy Spriewald

103:

1/3 Delaney Sustala

1/11 Madison Merrill

104:

1/3 Cameron Sustala

105:

1/25 Ryan Swenson

Staff:

1/27 Ms. Lorri Johnson

Theme: Our World, and Earth

Author: Marc Brown

Ele: Frances Burnett

Artist: Henry Moore and

Di Vinci

Composer: Edward "Duke"

Ellington

Continent: Antarctica

Virtue: Acceptance

Sign Language: Animals

Peacemaker: Dr. Martin Luther King

Misc.: Martin Luther King Day and Chinese New Year

News

Medicine:

When you bring medicine to school for your child, be sure to attach a dosage spoon or cup. All medicine must be in the original container including cough drops.

Please put your child name on the medication.

Sign the medicine in at the front desk. No medicine should be left in a lunch box or tote bag.

(Not safe for the children)

Wishing all a Happy New Year!!!

Food Drive

Our Food Drive was very successful. Thank you for your donations. The families appreciated your generosity.

Cold Weather

We still go outside in the cold weather. It may be for shorter periods of time so remember to dress your child in layers. Label all clothing including jackets since students have similar looking jackets. If your child is not feeling well to go outside, please let us know or keep him/her at home.

Vision and Hearing:

All children must have vision and hearing results on file at the school. If your child had the screening done somewhere else please don't forget to give the school a copy as well. If your child did not pass the test that was given at school, we need the follow up test results in by January 31st.

Box Tops

We still need a volunteer to take care of the box tops we collect every month. This is a fun and easy way to raise money for the school. Every box top is worth .10 so keep bring them in. To see more ways to earn cash for our school, go to

www.btfe.com/earn

We earned \$78.70

Keep those box tops coming!

From “The Joyful Child”

No matter how much we all try to be perfect we must learn to be easy on ourselves, to not waste time wishing we “had only known,” to learn to laugh, pick up the pieces, begin again.

What a pleasure it is for parents to slow down their own lives and match the child’s speed, in order to share the cooking, making gifts, holiday baking, sewing and knitting, gardening, making furniture, arranging flowers, building and cleaning, and so forth. Life becomes richer and more loving. The most important gift we can give our children is TIME.

We must not be too hard on ourselves as we try to balance our busy lives. No matter how much parents know, or how much time they give, they are not alone in feeling that it is not enough. The first year of the child’s life is not the easiest time to begin to learn what it takes to be a parent, and many of us are ill-prepared by movies, TV, and lack of contact with real families. We need each other.

It takes a village to raise a child.

-African proverb